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E.O. 11562: GDS

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SUBJ: GREEK/TURKISH AEGEAN DISPUTE

1. MFA DIRECTOR GENERAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS SOYSAL TOLD CHARGE EVENING

MAY 31 THAT GOT "VERY PLEASED" WITH COMMUNIQUE ISSUED BY

GOG THIS MORNING. IT SAID GOT HAD TOLD GOG ABOUT NAVAL

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EXERCISE IN AEGEAN, DENIED STORY OF ATTACK ON GREEK SHIP, AND

IT ACCEPTED CANDARLI'S SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH ACTIVITIES AS NORMAL.
(PRESUMABLY REFERENCE IS TO STATEMENT REPORTED ATHENS 3274.)

2. SOYSAL ADDED THAT AT SAME TIME THERE HAD BEEN A FEW PROVOCATIVE STATEMENTS BY GREEKS, SPECIFICALLY ONE BY AVEROFF, BUT GOT WAS NOT GOING TO RESPOND.

3. HE BELIEVED TENSION WAS RAPIDLY GOING OUT OF SITUATION. AT NOONTIME ITALIAN NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION, HE AND GREEK AMBASSADOR (WHO SHARED HIS VIEW) HAD BEEN HAVING A "FRIENDLY CHAT" WHEN SOVIET AMBASSADOR APPROACHED AND SAID JOVIALY: "EVERYBODY IS SENDING SHIPS TO THE AEGEAN. PERHAPS WE SHOULD TOO." SOYSAL AND GREEK AMBASSADOR SIMULTANEOUSLY REPLIED: "NO, WE FRIENDS WILL TAKE CARE OF ANY PROBLEMS VERY WELL WITHOUT YOU."

4. SOYSAL ALSO TOTALLY DISCOUNTED BIZIM RADIO REPORT (FBIS, KYRENIA, 311323Z) THAT GREEKS HAD ATTACKED TURKISH SHIP. HE SAID STATE DEPT'S SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS MAY 30 WASHINGTON WERE VERY HELPFUL SHOWING US INTEREST IN BOTH ITS FRIENDS BUT NOT THREATENING, ALTHOUGH HE WAS NOT SO HAPPY AT FOLLOW-ON REMARKS ATTRIBUTED TO "US OFFICIALS" IN MAY 31 AP STORY WHICH REFERRED TO FACT THAT BOTH GREECE AND TURKEY MUST ASK US CONSENT FOR USE OF THEIR AMERICAN WEAPONS FOR ANY PURPOSE OTHER THAN THAT FOR WHICH THEY WERE FURNISHED. LATTER REFERENCE HE SAID JUST ANNOYED SOME PEOPLE IN GOT.

5. SPAIN SAID USG INDEED REMAINED DEEPLY INTERESTED IN THIS POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS DISPUTE BETWEEN ITS FRIENDS. HE WAS GLAD GOT FELT GOG WAS TAKING MODERATE AND REASONABLE COURSE AND COULD NOT OVERSTRESS NEED FOR GOT TO AVOID PROVOCATIVE MEASURES.
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